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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7786 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2003

BILL NUMBER: SB 354

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Visitability Standards in Building Codes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> The bill requires the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to adopt standards by rule regarding visitability features in new construction of dwellings. It provides that if a person contracts with a designer or a builder to construct a visitability feature in new construction, the designer and the builder must comply with the standards adopted by the Commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission is funded through the Fire and Building Services Fund, a dedicated fund with revenues from fees for design release, inspections, and permits. Since there does not appear to be a model code regarding visitability features for new construction of dwellings, staff time from the Department of Fire and Building Services may be required to research and prepare draft code for adoption and amendment by the Commission. This should be within the normal duties of these staff.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Fire and Building Services, Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

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Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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